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Our Ref: FOI 3014

Thank you for your request concerning referrals to CAMHS.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. **For each of the years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 how many referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) were made through :**
  - i) A&E
  - ii) GP
  - iii) Paediatric services
  - iv) School
  - v) Parent or self-referral
  - vi) Other

We can only provide data for the last 3 years. This is because we changed our Electronic Patient Recording system in 2013 and we are unable to reliably report on referrals received before this date as differences in the systems would not give a true reflection of the mental health referrals received.

This was further complicated when our Teams changed names in 2014/15. To validate the information requested would involve manually reviewing each referral and to carry out this task would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450.

We have provided you with the number of under 18 services users with a 1<sup>st</sup> referral to CAMHS or SPA from 2015/16.

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018
A&E	342	378	427
GP	5167	6251	6651
Other	1069	875	1095
Paediatric Services	300	252	271
Parent or Self Referral	349	403	292
School	95	77	103
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7322</b>	<b>8236</b>	<b>8839</b>

2. **Out of hours services:**

i) **Do you currently provide out-of-hours CAMHS services?**

Yes

**Only if the answer is yes, please respond to the following:**

ii) **What times is it available at?**

- Our Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams (C-CATT) operates from 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week.
- Our Home Treatment Team (HTT) operates from 8 am to 8 pm 7 days a week.

iii) **Does it include the capacity to conduct a Mental Health Act assessment?**

Yes; out of hours AMHP service in Hertfordshire

iv) **How is it provided?**

a) <b>A&amp;E</b>	Our C-CATT operate out of both the Lister and Watford Hospitals
b) <b>Phone consultation with specialist</b>	Not applicable
c) <b>Face-to-face consultation with specialist</b>	Yes a face to face assessment is carried out
d) <b>Referral to charity</b>	Not applicable
e) <b>Other</b>	Our HTT carry out home visits

3. **Refusals:**

a) **Please identify the broad categories you use to record reasons for the refusal of CAMHS treatment.**

We do not refuse referrals. If we do not provide the appropriate service we would always ensure they are signposted to the appropriate service from initial contact with our Single Point of Access.

b) **Can you give a percentage breakdown by the above broad reasons for the refusal of CAMHS for each of the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.**

Not applicable

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

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Information Rights Officer**

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